



BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR ALCOHOL, DRUG and GAMBLING COUNSELORS

Nevada

Nevada Board of Examiners for Alcohol, Drug and Gambling Counselors

INFORMATION ON PROBLEM GAMBLING COUNSELORS

Licensure or Certification is Mandatory in the State of Nevada; Exceptions: If you are a Licensed Clinical Social Worker; Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist; Licensed Psychologist; Physician or Nurse who is licensed pursuant to that Nevada Boards regulations and approval

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NRS 641C.250 License or certificate is revocable privilege; holder acquires no vested right. A license or certificate issued pursuant to the provisions of this chapter is a privilege that may be revoked in accordance with the disciplinary procedures set forth in this chapter and in regulations adopted by the board pursuant thereto, and no holder of such a license or certificate acquires thereby any vested right.

General requirements for certification/registration:

- No abuse of alcohol or controlled substances or problems with gambling for a period of 2 years before submitting application
- If you are on parole or probation the Board will not consider your application for a period of two-years after the completion
- All individuals certified must observe "Ethical Standards and Requirements"
- College graduation from an accredited college or university listed in Accredited Institutions of Post secondary Education
- Complete applications must reach the Board within 30 days of date of hire in the substance abuse or problem gambling field
- Finger print cards and a money order payable to the Board of Examiners for \$45.00 this is due when the request for application is submitted and is part of the request for application fees.
- Is not less than 21 years of age
- Is a citizen of the United States or is lawfully entitled to remain and work in the United States –proof of citizenship or proof that an applicant is able to work in the United States
- Application must include social security number, resume, copy of birth certificate, drivers license or passport and copy of the completion of a high school education
- Must provide the Board with statement regarding child support

Please note: You will be required to provide the Board with any and all information concerning any arrests, convictions, indictments, suspensions or revocations. If you have any convictions, arrests or etc. you **cannot** do substance abuse or problem gambling counseling until approved by the Board. **An individual on parole or probation will not be considered for certification or licensure until such time as they have finished and have been off parole or probation for a minimum of two-years.**

The Board or staff has the authority to suspend any applicant upon documentation that an applicant has falsified any information on their application.

Certified Problem Gambling Counselor

- Bachelors, Masters or Doctoral degree in an approved social science field
- 2000 hours employment under clinical supervision in problem gambling counseling or see allowances listed before
- Proof of the completion of 60 hours of training specific to problem gambling approved by the Board
- Submittal of fees of \$580.00
- Written exam covers:
Basic Knowledge of Problem and pathological Gambling



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Gambling Counseling Practice
Special Issues in Gambling Treatment
Professional Issues

- An individual must pass the examinations required by the board with an average score of at least 70%
- Presents himself when scheduled for an interview at a meeting of the Board

Certified Problem Gambling Counselor Intern:

- High school diploma or GED and verification of graduation from an accredited college or university in an appropriate social science field and/or submittal of educational affidavit indicating that you are enrolled in college or will enroll at the beginning of the next semester
- Supervision Agreement
- Proof of the completion of 30 hours of training specific to problem gambling approved by the Board
- Complete Application
- Fees of \$225.00

Allowance for Licensure by Other Nevada State Boards for Problem Gambling Counselors:

1. Licensed as a clinical social worker pursuant to chapter 641 B of the NRS;
2. Licensed as a nurse pursuant of chapter 632 of NRS and has received a master's degree or a doctoral degree
3. Licensed as a marriage and family therapist pursuant to chapter 641A of the NRS;
4. A psychologist pursuant to chapter 641 of the NRS
5. A licensed alcohol and drug abuse counselor pursuant to this chapter 641C

And has completed at least 6 months or 1,000 hours of supervised counseling of problem gamblers approved by the Board and has completed not less than 60 hours of training specific to problem gambling approved by the Board.

Problem Gambling Supervisor's Certification:

Requirements:

1. Completion of the Clinical Supervision Course for Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselors
2. Two years experience doing problem gambling counseling
3. Submittal of an application approved by the Board. The application is available from the Board or on the Board's website.
4. Submittal of the application, proof of completion of the mandatory supervisors course and fees of \$60.00

The certificate is valid for 2-years

Provisional Certificate:

For those individuals that qualify for the written examination a provisional certificate is available, the fee is \$125.00. The provisional certificate allows an individual the opportunity to provide alcohol and drug abuse-or problem gambling counseling services while awaiting the results of the examinations. The provisional certificate is valid for a period of one-year and is not renewal.

In order to qualify for a provisional certificate a complete application must be submitted and approved by the Board.

Recertification/Licensure requirements:

- Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselor Certification, Licensure and Problem Gambling Certification are valid for 2 years. Fee for re-certification is \$200. With a late fee of \$75.00
- Proof of completion of 3 hours of training in confidentiality and 3 hours of training in ethics – must submit proof of attendance to the Board when renewing
- Fingerprints



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- Intern certification valid for up to 10 years with submittal and approval of all 6-month reports and renewal fees of \$37.50. Reports are due by July 15 and January 15 of each year. Late fee of \$75.00 will be charged if the reports are not received by those dates.
- Persons certified or licensed as a counselor must accrue 40 hours of approved training in the 2 year period to renew certificate
- An intern must submit the following CEU's/CEH's: (If attending college as part of Internship or to reduce your hours you will not receive credit for course work as CEU's)
 - A. 15 CEU's in first 3 months – must include 6 hours of training in Ethics and 6 hours of training in Confidentiality – must submit proof to the Board of attendance
 - B. 10 CEU's in the second 6 months
 - C. 20 CEU's during each year of registration thereafter
- Supervisor's certification is valid for 2 years.
 - A. Must attend 10 hours of continuing education that pertain to counseling supervision, ethics and Nevada law during the 2-year certification period. These hours may be included in the hours required for maintaining his license as a counselor pursuant to subsection 1.

Scope of Practice for a Problem Gambling Certification:

Certified Gambling Counselor may:

- (a) Engage in the practice of counseling problem gamblers;
- (b) Assess and evaluate a person as a problem gambler; and
- (c) If approved by the Board, supervise certified problem gambling interns

Certified Gambling Counselor Intern may:

- (a) Engage in the practice of counseling problem gamblers;
- (b) Assess and evaluate a person as a problem gambler

WAIVER OF EXAMINATIONS:

- If you are requesting a waiver of the examination for either a problem gambling counselor, alcohol and drug abuse counselor or Native American alcohol and drug abuse counselor please indicate so on the request for application.
- Submit the request for application and fees of \$165. Balance of fees will be due with the submittal of the application.

An applicant for licensure or certification without examination pursuant to NRS 641C.300 must submit to the board:

1. A written application on a form prescribed by the board;
2. The applicable fee;
3. Proof satisfactory to the board that the license or other credential held by the applicant:
 - (a) Was issued by another state, a territory or possession of the United States, or the District of Columbia;
 - (b) Is currently valid and in good standing; and
4. A statement of whether a license or other credential has ever been suspended, revoked or otherwise restricted for any reason.
 - a. The board will review each applicant on an individual basis and will consider the circumstances before and after the time the certificate or license was suspended, revoked or otherwise restricted for any reason;
5. Fingerprint cards and the appropriate fees.
6. Proof satisfactory to the board that the applicant is otherwise qualified to engage in the practice of counseling alcohol and drug abusers or problem gamblers: (SB351-sect 19.2)
 - (a) Applicant must have had a masters or bachelor's degree in an appropriate social science field at the time application was made in another state, territory or possession of the United States, or the District of Columbia.
 - (b) For problem gambling counselors an applicant must have had a minimum of 2,000 hours practical experience-providing problem gambling counseling.
 - (c) For problem gambling counselors an applicant must have passed the examination required by the board from a national testing organization, equal to the level used by the Board of Examiners for Alcohol, Drug and Gambling Counselors must pass the examinations required with an average score of at least 70%.



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REQUEST FOR APPLICATION FOR A PROBLEM GAMBLING COUNSELOR OR PROBLEM GAMBLING COUNSELOR INTERN

Note: THE APPLICATION PACKET **MAY NOT** BE DUPLICATED. THE APPLICATION IS VALID FOR A PERIOD OF 12 MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF RECEIPT AND CAN ONLY BE USED BY THE INDIVIDUAL REQUESTING THE APPLICATION. **PLEASE SEND ME AN APPLICATION PACKET FOR CERTIFICATION AS A PROBLEM GAMBLING COUNSELOR:**

____ *Certification - Requires you have completed a Bachelors or Master's degree in an appropriate social science field and that **you have already completed 2,000 hours of practical experience in problem gambling counseling and the 60 hours of training specific to problem gambling approved by the Board.**

____ Intern - Requires you have a minimum of a GED or High School Diploma and registration in an appropriate social science field in an approved college. **Requires you have already completed 30 hours of training specific to problem gambling approved by the Board prior to making application.**

- * Please refer to the information recap for the exceptions regarding required practical experience.

A nonrefundable money order for \$165.00 made out to the Board of Examiners must accompany this Request for Application. **ALL FEES ARE NONREFUNDABLE.**

TYPES OF FEES	INTERN CERTIFICATION	CERTIFICATION OR LICENSURE
REQUEST FOR APPLICATION FINGERPRINTS	\$165.00 DUE WITH THIS REQUEST	\$165.00 DUE WITH THIS REQUEST
CERTIFICATION/ PROCESSING	\$60.00 DUE WHEN APPLICATION SUBMITTED	\$60.00 DUE WHEN APPLICATION SUBMITTED
TESTING		\$355.00 DUE PLUS APPLICATION & PER EVERY OTHER TEST TAKEN
WAIVER OF EXAMINATION		\$165.00 DUE WITH THIS REQUEST
PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATE		\$125.00 DUE WITH APPLICATION

- If you are already certified with the Board please indicate so on this request. This is done so you do not have to duplicate items previously sent, the new application check sheet for testing will be marked as to the items needed.
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REQUESTS GO TO SHARON ATKINSON AT:

BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR ALCOHOL, DRUG AND GAMBLING COUNSELORS
625 FAIRVIEW DR SUITE 124
CARSON CITY NV 89701
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I hereby request the certification/registration packet as indicated above.

Name _____
Please Print Name

Supervisors Name _____
Please Print

Signature _____

Date: _____

Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Currently Licensed or Certified by the Board Yes No

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